



# Homeless Service Providers Survey

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Results Summary**

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# Main Points

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- 68% of surveys were returned by participating agencies.
- Agencies reported 1,102 cases, of which 1,028 were unduplicated.
- There was an increase in the percentage of homeless with mental illness and also homeless with substance abuse.
- Over half of the homeless in the survey were male and in their late 30s.
- Less than 3% of the homeless were over the age of 60.
- The majority of the males and females reported in the survey were single, 56%.
- 30% of homeless cases reported having a disability.
- 22% of the cases reported having a disability of some kind.
- Over 42% of the cases identified having a substance abuse problem.
- A homeless person in Alaska is usually a single Native or Caucasian male, in his late 30s who is likely to have a disability or a substance abuse problem.

# Introduction

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Homeless surveys are a challenge because they attempt to define a segment of the population that is dynamic and not easily identified or understood. There are many factors that generally limit the validity of such studies. Users of homeless surveys need to carefully examine the work done and consider the following limitations of all homeless research:

- 1) **Self-report** – Homeless surveys depend on self-disclosure and assume that people understand what it means to be homeless and furthermore, that people are comfortable in reporting self-characteristics that may be perceived as socially undesirable, such as mental illness or substance abuse.
- 2) **Over-estimation** - Homeless surveys can overcount the number of homeless seeking services by not considering or controlling for duplication within and across agencies.
- 3) **Generalizing to the Entire Homeless Population** – Homeless surveys often attempt to make generalizations about the entire population from limited samples of shelters and food kitchens. It is important to note that homeless may also be found in domestic violence shelters, libraries, or other nontraditional locations --- often overlooked by surveying. Additionally, many studies do not consider that at any given time, a core portion of the homeless population may not be receiving services.

These limitations become more pronounced as attempts are made to research the homeless population over a period of time greater than one week. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Interagency Council on the Homeless, “Whether crude or sophisticated, most of the (homeless research) methods currently available do not produce high quality unduplicated estimates for whole communities or states over relatively long periods of time (a month or a year).” Generally, most housing and homelessness agencies rely on “one-day” surveys to determine the needs of homeless seeking services.

The Homeless Service Providers Survey is a “one-day” or “point-in-time estimate” that is completed by service providers semi-annually on a pre-determined day. The purpose of the survey is to gather descriptive information on the homeless who may receive services from particular homeless agencies at “any given point in time.” Efforts are taken to identify and remove duplicates from the homeless survey. However, like all homeless surveys, this one does have limitations. The results of the survey are not intended to represent the entire homeless population and the reader is cautioned against making such generalizations.

# Summary

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The Summer 1999 Homeless Service Providers' Survey was conducted on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1999. The survey was mailed out to 93 service providers. Responses were received from 62 of these agencies. Participating agencies reported servicing 1,102 homeless individuals. After adjusting for expected changes because of agency participation, the decrease in homeless cases drops to about 15%. When comparing unduplicated cases between the Winter and Summer surveys, however, the percentage change drops to 8% without controlling for changes in agency participation.

The high rate of agency participation has resulted in a stable sample from which demographic estimates of homeless seeking services, can be made with confidence. From the Summer of 1995 through the Summer of 1999, the total variation in the sample has been less than 300 unduplicated cases. Excluding the Summer 1997 survey, the total variation drops to 105 unduplicated cases.

The demographics of the homeless continue to remain the same. Most of the homeless were single, white male adults in their late 30's. Almost half of the cases reported a substance abuse problem. A third of the cases reported a physical, mental, or developmental disability. Over 60% of those surveyed reported Anchorage as their place of residence over the last six months. About 15% of the cases surveyed disclosed that they were a veteran.

## Agency Duplication Statistics

The homeless cases reported by service providers were analyzed for duplication across agencies. Duplicate cases were identified using social security number, community, initials, age, and gender. This method of matching has an extremely low level of error by change, about 4 out of 100,000. However, the margin of error for matching duplicates is probably greater than this due to errors in reporting and incomplete information. Several cases were excluded from analysis due to incomplete data.

The result of the analysis found that agencies in Anchorage reported 177 cases that were duplicated across one or more agency, about 22% of the Anchorage cases reported. Outside of Anchorage, the number of duplicates across agencies were much lower, about 4%. The greatest amount of interagency duplication occurred with emergency shelters and food kitchens. These findings appear consistent with anecdotal information reported by service providers. For example, in Anchorage, staff at the Brother Francis Shelter report that a large percentage of their clients also use Beans' Cafe.

Within agency duplicates were also identified. The total number of cases reported more than once by any agency was very low, about 3% of the total cases reported. Because agencies typically report the homeless from each one of their in-house programs, it is possible that a homeless person could show up more than once in a multi-program agency.

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Using the matching method describe previously, cases from the Winter 1999 survey were compared to the Summer 1999 cases. The results of the analysis found that about 14% of the homeless clients reported in the Winter survey were also reported in the Summer survey. Data from Anchorage indicated a duplication rate of about 18%. Because this survey is not a longitudinal study of the homeless, it is difficult to determine if this portion of the population is chronically-homeless, or perhaps moving in and out of homeless. However, the demographics of this group are consistent with the chronically-homeless sub-population. Of the 139 duplicate cases, over 50% report a substance abuse problem, and over 45% report having a mental illness.

## Disability Characteristics

Almost 30% of the homeless reported in the survey disclosed having a disability. Anchorage reported a smaller percentage of disabilities than the rest of state, although the difference was small (29% vs 33%). Over 90% of these cases were individuals. The disability with the greatest percentage was mental illness, at 22%. The percentage of homeless with mental illness has averaged about 19% since the Winter 1996 survey. Winter surveys generally report a incrementally-lower percentage than Summer surveys. The difference is likely due to changes in agency participation.

The percentage of homeless with mental illness is lower than what the Interagency Council on the Homeless estimates for the nation as a whole -- about 33%. While these findings suggest a lower prevalence of mental illness in Alaska vs. the national average, it is likely that the numbers are lower because: 1) The survey does not capture the entire homeless population; 2) Many of the participating agencies do not provide services to the homeless with mental illness. and; 3) The self-report nature of the survey may impeded disclosure of mental illness.

## Dual Diagnosis

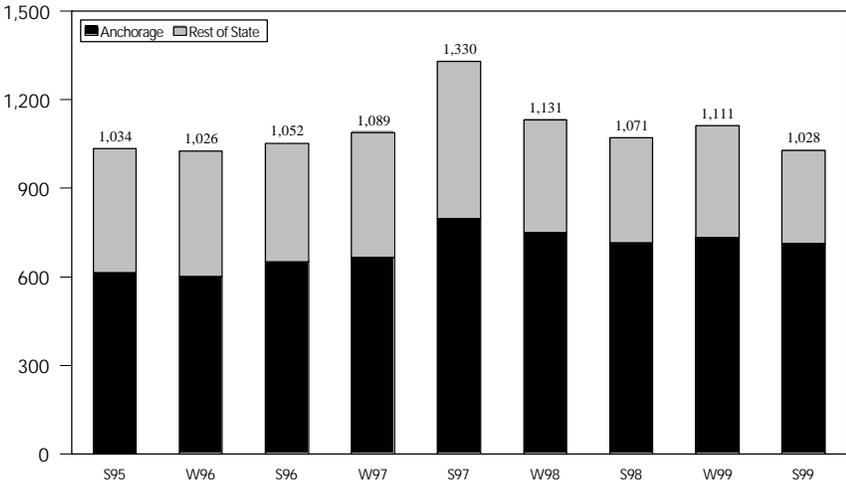
Of the 31% of the homeless who disclosed having a disability, over half reported a substance abuse problem. The disability with the greatest prevalence of substance abuse was mental illness. Of the 204 cases that disclosed mental illness, 61% reported a substance abuse problem. For many of these individuals, substance abuse is what leads to homeless, while for others it is used to alleviate the symptoms of mental illness. Nonetheless, these individuals represent the hardest-to-serve among the homeless because their substance abuse often prevents them from participating in housing programs, while the interaction of substance abuse and mental illness makes participation in traditional drug treatment programs difficult.

# Unduplicated Cases Reported

By Participating Homeless Agencies

Summer 1995 - Summer 1999

Figure 1

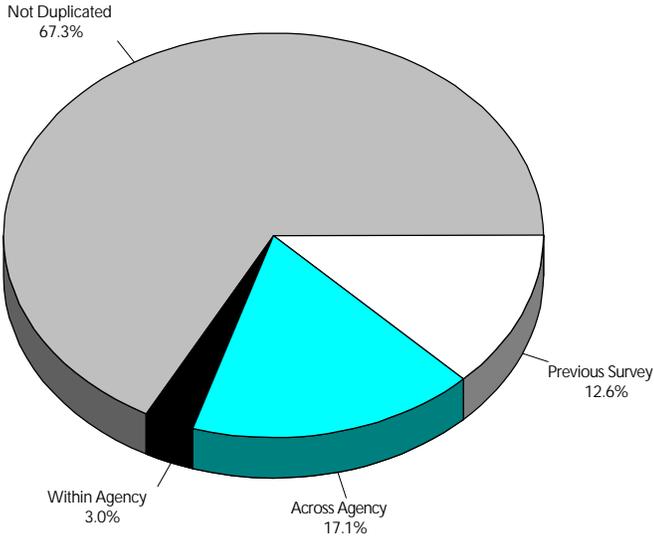


# Breakdown Of Duplicate Cases

Between agencies, within agencies, and from last survey

Summer 1999

Figure 2

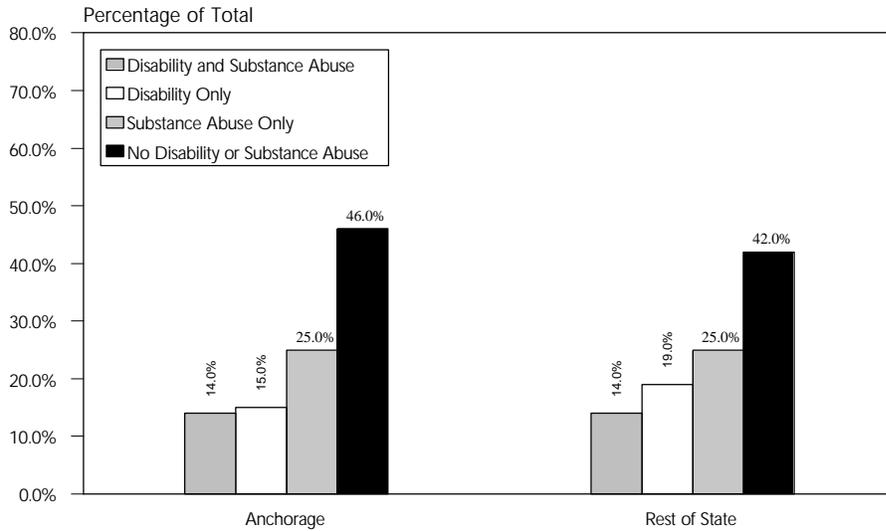


# Disability and Substance Abuse

Percentage of Total Cases Reported

Summer 99

Figure 3

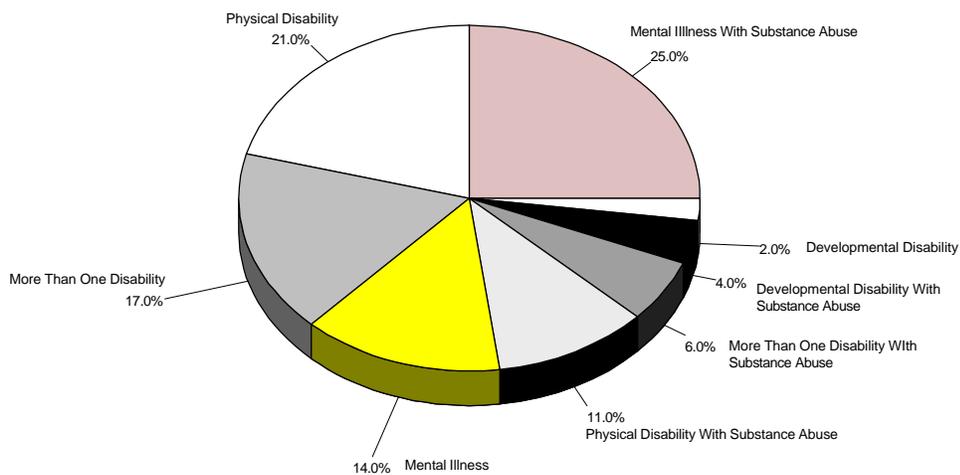


# Homeless With A Disability

Breakdown of Clients Who Reported A Disability

Summer 99

Figure 4



# TABLES

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## SUMMARY STATISTICS



July 28, 1999

1 Survey Participation	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total surveys sent	91	100.00%	28	100.00%	63	100.00%
Total surveys received	62	68.13%	19	67.86%	43	68.25%

2 Homeless Count	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Cases Reported By Agencies <sup>1</sup>	1102		797		305	
Change In Cases From Last Survey	-262	-23.77%	-134	-16.81%	-128	-41.97%
Changes In Cases Adjusted For Agency Participation	-169	-15.34%	-113	-14.18%	-56	-18.36%
Total Duplicate Cases	221	20.05%	202	25.35%	19	6.23%
Duplicates from Last Survey	139	12.61%	122	15.31%	11	3.61%
Total Homeless Household Members <sup>2</sup>	1474		1069		405	
Total Homeless Unduplicated Cases Reported	1028		711		317	
Total Homeless Unduplicated Cases Without Children with Family	988	89.66%	693	87.13%	295	87.13%
Total Homeless That Did Not Provide SSN	231	20.96%	125	23.12%	106	23.12%
Total Homeless That Did Not Provide Name	59	5.35%	43	6.30%	16	6.30%
Total Homeless That Did Not Provide Name And SSN	59	5.35%	43	6.30%	16	6.30%
Total Homeless Individuals	818	74.23%	575	29.07%	243	29.07%
Total Homeless Families	170	15.43%	123	18.56%	47	18.56%

3 Homeless Gender and Age	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>3</sup>	#	% <sup>4</sup>	#	% <sup>5</sup>
Total Male	541	54.76%	359	51.80%	182	61.69%
Total Female	321	32.49%	208	30.01%	113	38.31%
Total Male 18 years or younger	37	3.74%	31	4.47%	6	2.03%
Total Female 18 years or younger	27	2.73%	21	3.03%	6	2.03%
Total Homeless 60 years or older	28	2.83%	18	2.60%	10	3.39%
Average Homeless Age	38		39		37	

4 Homeless Marital Status	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>3</sup>	#	% <sup>4</sup>	#	% <sup>5</sup>
Total Homeless Single	549	55.57%	347	50.07%	202	68.47%
Male	389	39.37%	247	35.64%	142	48.14%
Female	160	16.19%	100	14.43%	60	20.34%
Total Homeless Married	107	10.83%	65	9.38%	42	14.24%
Male	51	5.16%	34	4.91%	17	5.76%
Female	56	5.67%	31	4.47%	25	8.47%
Total Homeless Divorced	135	13.66%	102	14.72%	33	11.19%
Male	73	7.39%	56	8.08%	17	5.76%
Female	62	6.28%	46	6.64%	16	5.42%
Total Homeless Separated	45	4.55%	30	4.33%	15	5.08%
Male	17	1.72%	12	1.73%	5	1.69%
Female	28	2.83%	18	2.60%	10	3.39%
Total Homeless Widower	14	1.42%	14	2.02%	0	0.00%
Male	5	0.51%	5	0.72%	0	0.00%
Female	9	0.91%	9	1.30%	0	0.00%
Total Homeless Undisclosed Marital Status	12	1.21%	9	1.30%	3	1.02%
Male	6	0.61%	5	0.72%	1	0.34%
Female	6	0.61%	4	0.58%	2	0.68%
Total Homeless Veteran	141	14.27%	105	15.15%	36	12.20%

5 Homeless Ethnic/Race Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>2</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
Total Homeless Hispanic (all races)	37	3.74%	25	3.61%	12	4.07%
Total Homeless White	383	38.77%	217	31.31%	166	56.27%
Total Homeless African-American	62	6.28%	58	8.37%	4	1.36%
Total Homeless American Indian	22	2.23%	16	2.31%	6	2.03%
Total Homeless Alaska Native	321	32.49%	228	32.90%	93	31.53%
Total Homeless Asian/P. Islander	10	1.01%	4	0.58%	6	2.03%
Total Homeless Other race/ethnic origin	20	2.02%	15	2.16%	5	1.69%
Total Homeless Did Not Disclose	132	13.36%	129	18.61%	3	1.02%

6 Disability Features	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>2</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	204	20.65%	139	20.06%	65	22.03%
Percentage Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	423	42.81%	296	42.71%	127	43.05%
Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	236	23.89%	150	21.65%	86	29.15%
Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	79	8.00%	48	6.93%	31	10.51%
Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	174	17.61%	118	17.03%	56	18.98%
Percentage Homeless with a Disability	306	30.97%	206	29.73%	100	33.90%
Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse	154	15.59%	111	16.02%	43	14.58%

7 Community of Origin Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>2</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
Anchorage, Juneau, or Fairbanks	622	62.96%	508	73.30%	114	38.64%
Rural Alaskan Community	168	17.00%	21	3.03%	147	49.83%
Outside Alaska	52	5.26%	30	4.33%	22	7.46%
Did Not Disclose/Unknown	146	14.78%	134	19.34%	12	4.07%

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**Notes:**

1. Total cases reported, does not include children with families
2. Calculated by adding "Total Family Members"
3. Basis for calculating demographic percentages. Children with families are excluded because not all agencies provide data on these cases.
4. This column is calculated using the total number of cases for the State of Alaska, excluding children with families
5. This column is calculated using the total number of cases for Anchorage, excluding children with families
6. This column is calculated using the total number of cases for Alaska, excluding Anchorage, excluding children with families

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 The survey is a one-day count of the homeless reported by participating service providers.  
 Percentages are based on the total unduplicated count of homeless persons reported by participating agencies.

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## DUPLICATE ANALYSIS

Alaska Housing  
July 28, 1999

6 Duplicate Summary	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% of Total <sup>2</sup>	#	% of Total <sup>2</sup>	#	% of Total <sup>2</sup>
Total Duplicate Cases	221	20.05%	202	25.35%	19	6.23%
Total Duplicate Individuals/Families	107	10.83%	99	14.27%	8	2.72%
Duplicate Families <sup>4</sup>	2	1.87%	2	2.02%	0	0.00%
Duplicate Individuals	105	98.13%	97	97.98%	8	100.00%

7 Duplication Analysis	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>3</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
Individuals/Families Reported More Than Once Within An Agency	32	29.91%	26	26.26%	6	75.00%
Individuals and/or Families Reported By More Than One Agency	75	70.09%	73	73.74%	2	25.00%

8 Duplicate Clients Vs. Unduplicated Clients Selected Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
	#	% <sup>3</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
<b>Unduplicated</b>						
Substance Abuse	378	42.91%	257	43.19%	121	42.31%
Mental Illness	189	21.45%	124	20.84%	65	22.73%
Developmental Disability	77	8.74%	46	7.73%	31	10.84%
Victim of Violence	237	26.90%	149	25.04%	88	30.77%
Physical Disability	154	17.48%	98	16.47%	56	19.58%
<b>Duplicated</b>						
Substance Abuse	45	42.06%	39	39.39%	6	75.00%
Mental Illness	15	14.02%	15	15.15%	0	0.00%
Developmental Disability	2	1.87%	2	2.02%	0	0.00%
Victim of Violence	13	12.15%	12	12.12%	1	12.50%
Physical Disability	20	18.69%	20	20.20%	0	0.00%

9 Anchorage - Agency Duplication Statistics For Agencies That Reported Cases Only	Total Cases <sup>5</sup>		Dup. Within Agency <sup>5</sup>		Dup. Across Agencies <sup>5</sup>	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Agency	#	% of Agency
Alaska AIDS Assistance Association	5	0.44%	0	0.00%	1	20.00%
Alaska Baptist Family Services	14	1.23%	0	0.00%	1	7.14%
Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation	20	1.76%	0	0.00%	1	5.00%
AWAIC	23	2.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Beans Cafe	268	23.55%	14	5.22%	79	29.48%
Beyond Shelter Program	70	6.15%	0	0.00%	1	1.43%
Brother Francis Shelter	172	15.11%	2	1.16%	67	38.95%
Clare House	9	0.79%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Conventant House	24	2.11%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Homeward Bound	20	1.76%	0	0.00%	2	10.00%
Lutheran Social Services	5	0.44%	0	0.00%	2	40.00%
McKinnin Shelter	8	0.70%	0	0.00%	1	12.50%
Municipality of Anchorage CSP	38	3.34%	3	7.89%	9	23.68%
Municipality of Anchorage SAFE Cities Program	12	1.05%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Southcentral Counseling Center	50	4.39%	5	10.00%	8	16.00%
The Arc of Anchorage	5	0.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
The Salvation Army - Clithros	54	4.75%	1	1.85%	5	9.26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>70.04%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.14%</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>22.21%</b>

10 Rest of State - Agency Duplication Statistics For Agencies That Reported Cases Only	Total Cases <sup>5</sup>		Dup. Within Agency <sup>5</sup>		Dup. Across Agencies <sup>5</sup>	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Agency	#	% of Agency
Advocates for Victims of Violence	1	0.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Alaska Legal Services	5	0.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
AWAKE - Audina Woman From Abuse	3	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Bering Sea Womens Group	6	0.53%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	3	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Brother Francis Shelter Kodiak	20	1.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Central Peninsula Counseling Center	13	1.14%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Dorothy Savon Shelter - Kids Are People Too	5	0.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Fairbanks Native Association	29	2.55%	5	17.24%	8	27.59%
Fairbanks Rescue Mission	22	1.93%	0	0.00%	1	4.55%
Castineau Human Services	27	2.37%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Homer Community Food Pantry	9	0.79%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ketchikan Committee For The Homeless	7	0.62%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ketchikan Seafarers Center	16	1.41%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Kodiak Island Mental Health Center	1	0.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
LifeQuest Mental Health Center	15	1.32%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Loze Inc.	1	0.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
MatSu Recovery Center	6	0.53%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Palmer Senior Citizens Center	3	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Seward Life Action Council	15	1.32%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Sitkans Against Family Violence	4	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
South Peninsula Womens Services	1	0.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
St. Vincent Depaul	23	2.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
The Clory Hole	38	3.34%	2	5.26%	2	5.26%
The Salvation Army Fairbanks	2	0.18%	1	50.00%	0	0.00%
Tundra Womens Coalition	4	0.35%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Valley Womens Resource Center	14	1.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Womens Resource and Crisis Center	12	1.05%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>26.80%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2.62%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3.61%</b>

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### Notes:

- Analysis of duplicates is done by matching clients on last four digits of social security number, gender, initials, age, and community location. It is estimated that the odds of incorrect matching by chance alone are very low, less than 4 out of 100,000. There is a possibility of error in matching due to variation in how clients respond to the survey and how agencies report survey data.
- The total cases reported by agencies, excluding those in permanent housing was 1138 for Alaska, 823 for Anchorage. The total number of unique families/individuals was 1,021 for Alaska, 716 for Anchorage.
- Total of unduplicated = Total cases reported - total number of duplicated clients
- Calculated by identifying cases with household sizes greater than one at agencies that service families, numbers are adjusted for agencies that provide data on children with families.
- Total actual individual/family cases reported by agencies not in permanent housing.

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## COMMUNITY SUMMARY

July 28, 1999

11	Homeless by Community <sup>2</sup>	Winter 95	Summer 95	Winter 96	Summer 96	Winter 97	Summer 97	Winter 98	Summer 98	Winter 99	Summer 99
	Anchorage	623	463	601	666	618	784	713	680	931	797
	Barrow	2	0	6	5	9	2	4	0	4	0
	Bethel	3	7		3	35	6	4	5	2	4
	Cordova	0	0		0	0	5	3	0	0	0
	Dillingham	0	2	2	3	0	2	1	2	97	3
	Emmonak	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fairbanks	12	32	91	87	80	70	89	34	153	58
	Haines	3	6		0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Homer	10	13	19	13	7	0	5	16	6	10
	Hoonah	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Juneau	145	126	131	122	121	117	104	137	68	91
	Kake	1	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ketchikan	28	38	21	25	49	122	32	28	1	23
	Kenai	12	23	17	16	16	8	7	38	36	13
	Kodiak	2	1	29	2	5	32	0	12	23	21
	Nome	0	0	9	14	3	8	20	6	6	6
	Palmer	5	0	9	20	9	2	5	16	12	22
	Petersburg	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Seward	0	0	0	0	11	12	7	3	10	15
	Sitka	9	129	6	11	5	11	2	3	4	4
	Skagway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Soldotna	15	23	11	15	7	4	21	0	0	13
	Talkeetna								2	0	0
	Unalaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Valdez	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	1
	Wasilla	44	41	66	61	62	33	22	32	21	21
	Wrangell	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>915</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>1102</b>

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**Notes:**

1. Represents the total number of cases reported by agencies, excluding children in homeless families under the age of 18.  
Please note that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to distinguish agencies by these categories, as agencies begin to broaden their services.
2. Numbers for communities are calculated using an unduplicated count, excluding children, under the age of 18, with homeless families  
There was a change in the way numbers were calculated by community in the Summer of 1998 when children with families were excluded

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## AGENCY SUMMARY

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12	#	Community	Homeless Service Provider	Returned Survey Or Reported No Homeless	Cases Reported <sup>1</sup>
	1	Anchorage	Abbott Loop Community Church	No	
	2	Anchorage	Akeela House	No	
	3	Anchorage	Alaska AIDS Assistance Association	Yes	5
	4	Anchorage	Alaska Baptist Family Services	Yes	14
	5	Anchorage	Alaska Women's Resource Center	No	
	6	Anchorage	Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation	Yes	20
	7	Anchorage	Aleutian Housing Authority	No	
	8	Anchorage	Anchorage Mutual Housing	No	
	9	Anchorage	AVCP Regional Housing Authority	No	
	10	Anchorage	AWAIC	Yes	23
	11	Anchorage	Beans Cafe	Yes	268
	12	Anchorage	Beyond Shelter Program	Yes	70
	13	Anchorage	Brother Francis Shelter	Yes	172
	14	Anchorage	Clare House	Yes	9
	15	Anchorage	Covenant House	Yes	24
	16	Anchorage	Cook Inlet Housing Authority	No	
	17	Anchorage	Homeward Bound	Yes	20
	18	Anchorage	Intermission	Yes	N/A
	19	Anchorage	Lutheran Social Services	Yes	5
	20	Anchorage	Mckinnel Shelter	Yes	8
	21	Anchorage	Municipality of Anchorage CSP	Yes	38
	22	Anchorage	Municipality of Anchorage SAFE Cities Program	Yes	12
	23	Anchorage	North Pacific Rim Housing Authority	No	
	24	Anchorage	Quyana House	No	
	25	Anchorage	Southcentral Counseling Center	Yes	50
	26	Anchorage	The Arc of Anchorage	Yes	5
	27	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - Clithroe	Yes	54
	28	Anchorage	U.S. VA Homeless Veterans Services	No	
	29	Barrow	Arctic Women in Crisis	No	
	30	Barrow	Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority	No	
	31	Bethel	Tundra Womens Coalition	Yes	4
	32	Copper Center	Copper River Housing Authority	No	
	33	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	Yes	3
	34	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Housing Authority	No	
	35	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Native Association	No	
	36	Dillingham	City of Dillingham	No	
	37	Dillingham	City of Dillingham Senior Center	No	
	38	Dillingham	Dillingham Native Village Council	No	
	39	Dillingham	Dillingham Office of Volunteer and Emergency Services	No	
	40	Dillingham	Hope Cottages (Removed from future surveys on request)	Yes	0
	41	Dillingham	Safe and Fear Free Environment	Yes	0
	42	Fairbanks	Alaska Legal Services	Yes	5
	43	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Native Association	Yes	29
	44	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Rescue Mission	Yes	22
	45	Fairbanks	Interior Regional Housing Authority	No	
	46	Fairbanks	The Salvation Army Fairbanks	Yes	2
	47	Fairbanks	Women in Crisis (WICCA)	No	
	48	Haines	The Salvation Army - Haines (Removed from future surveys on request)	Yes	0
	49	Homer	Homer Community Food Pantry	Yes	9
	50	Homer	Share the Spirit	No	
	51	Homer	South Peninsula Womens Services	Yes	1
	52	Juneau	AWARE - Aiding Women From Abuse	Yes	3
	53	Juneau	BMH M/H	Yes	0
	54	Juneau	Gastineau Human Services	Yes	27
	55	Juneau	Juneau Alliance for the Mentally III	No	
	56	Juneau	Juneau Youth Services	No	
	57	Juneau	REACH	Yes	0
	58	Juneau	SHANTI	Yes	0
	59	Juneau	St. Vincent Depaul	Yes	23
	60	Juneau	The Glory Hole	Yes	38

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	61	Juneau	The Salvation Army - Juneau	Yes	0
	62	Juneau	Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority	No	
	63	Kenai	Love Inc.	Yes	1
	64	Kenai	The Salvation Army - Kenai	Yes	0
	65	Kenai	Women's Resource and Crisis Center	Yes	12
	65	Ketchikan	Ketchikan Committee For The Homeless	Yes	7
	66	Ketchikan	Ketchikan Youth Hostel	No	
	67	Ketchikan	Ketchikans Seamans Center	Yes	16
	68	Ketchikan	The Salvation Army - Ketchikan	No	
	69	Ketchikan	Women in Safe Homes	Yes	0
	69	Kodiak	Brother Francis Shelter Kodiak	Yes	20
	70	Kodiak	Kodiak Island Housing Authority	No	
	71	Kodiak	Kodiak Island Mental Health Center	Yes	1
	72	Kodiak	Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Ctr	Yes	0
	73	Kotzebue	Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority	Yes	0
	74	Metlakatla	Metlakatla Housing Authority	No	
	75	Nome	Bering Sea Womens Group	Yes	6
	76	Nome	Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority	Yes	0
	77	Palmer	Daybreak Senior Center	No	
	78	Palmer	Dorothy Saxton Youth Center	Yes	5
	79	Palmer	Palmer Senior Citizens Center	Yes	3
	80	Seward	Seward Life Action Council	Yes	15
	81	Sitka	Baranoff Island Housing Authority	No	
	82	Sitka	Sitkans Against Family Violence	Yes	4
	83	Sitka	The Salvation Army - Sitka	No	
	84	Soldotna	Central Peninsula Counseling Center	Yes	13
	85	Talkeetna	Sunshine Community Health Corporation	Yes	0
	86	Unalaska	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & F.V.	Yes	0
	87	Valdez	Advocates for Victims of Violence	Yes	1
	88	Wasilla	LifeQuest Mental Health Center	Yes	15
	89	Wasilla	MatSu Recovery Center	Yes	6
	90	Wasilla	Valley Womens Resource Center	Yes	14
	91	Wrangell	Community Food Bank	No	
				<b>60</b>	<b>1102</b>

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**Notes:**

1. Total Cases Reported By Agency after removing those in permanent housing and children with families

These numbers are not directly comparable across agency because not all agencies report demographics on children with families and duplicates exist across agencies

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## ANALYSIS OF DISABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

July 28, 1999

13	Summary	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	% of Total <sup>1</sup>	#	% of Total <sup>1</sup>	#	% of Total <sup>1</sup>
	Total Cases With A Disability	306	29.77%	206	28.77%	100	32.79%
	Total Families	37	3.60%	28	13.59%	9	9.00%
	Total Individuals	269	26.17%	178	86.41%	91	91.00%
	Total Family Members With Cases	59	5.74%	59	5.88%	19	4.81%
	Average Household Size	1.2		1.3		1.2	

14	Disability and Substance Abuse Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
	Developmental Disability	6	1.96%	3	1.46%	3	3.00%
	With Mental Illness	10	3.27%	7	3.40%	3	3.00%
	With Physical Disability	10	3.27%	2	0.97%	8	8.00%
	With Substance Abuse	12	3.92%	7	3.40%	5	5.00%
	With Mental Illness and Substance Abuse	14	4.58%	13	6.31%	1	1.00%
	Mental Illness	43	14.05%	25	12.14%	18	18.00%
	With Substance Abuse	75	24.51%	54	26.21%	21	21.00%
	Physical Disability	65	21.24%	45	21.84%	20	20.00%
	With Mental Illness	18	5.88%	13	6.31%	5	5.00%
	With Substance Abuse	34	11.11%	27	13.11%	7	7.00%
	Physical Disability, Developmental Disability, & Substance Abuse	5	1.63%	4	1.94%	1	1.00%
	Physical Disability, Developmental Disability, Substance Abuse, & Mental Illness	14	4.58%	6	2.91%	8	8.00%
	Substance Abuse Only	248		170		78	

15	Additional Demographics of Homeless With Disabilities	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
	Veterans With Disabilities	58	18.95%	40	19.42%	18	18.00%
	Veterans With Substance Abuse Only	39	15.73%	33	19.41%	6	7.69%
	Median Age	42		43		41	
	Community of Residence Last 6 Months						
	Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau	225	73.53%	187	91.22%	38	38.00%
	Rural Alaskan Community	62	20.26%	6	2.93%	56	56.00%
	Out of State	14	4.58%	12	5.85%	2	2.00%

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**Notes:**

1. Percentage of total unduplicated cases - 1,028 for Alaska, 716 for Anchorage

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## CHILDREN WITH FAMILIES

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16	Children With Homeless Families Count	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>2</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
	Total Cases	40	100.00%	18	45.00%	22	55.00%
	Total Male	15	37.50%	6	33.33%	9	40.91%
	Total Female	25	62.50%	12	66.67%	13	59.09%
	Average Age	5		6		4	
	Average Family Size	4		3		4	
	Number With Families Who Are Doubled Up	2		2		0	

17	Children With Homeless Families Ethnic/Race Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>2</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
	Total Hispanic (all races)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Total White	16	40.00%	6	33.33%	10	45.45%
	Total Black	1	2.50%	1	5.56%	0	0.00%
	Total Am. Indian/Ak. Native	20	50.00%	10	55.56%	10	45.45%
	Total Asian/P. Islander	2	5.00%	0	0.00%	2	9.09%
	Total Other race/ethnic origin	1	2.50%	1	5.56%	0	0.00%

18	Children With Homeless Families Other Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>2</sup>	#	% <sup>3</sup>
	Total Mentally Ill	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Male	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Female	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Total Victims of Domestic Violence	24	60.00%	11	61.11%	13	59.09%
	Male	11	27.50%	5	27.78%	6	27.27%
	Female	13	32.50%	6	33.33%	7	31.82%
	Total Developmentally Disabled	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Male	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Female	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

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**Notes:**

1. This column is calculated using the total number of cases for the State of Alaska
2. This column is calculated using the total number of cases for Anchorage
3. This column is calculated using the total number of cases for Alaska, excluding Anchorage.

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## TRENDS

19	Survey Participation	State of Alaska								Anchorage								Rest of State							
		W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99
	Percentage Of Surveys Received	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	68	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	67	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	67
	Percentage Change In Homeless Reported								-23							-17									-42
	Percentage Change Adjusted For Participation Alone								-15							-14									-18
	Percentage Of Duplicate Cases								20							25									6
	Percentage of Cases Duplicated With Last Survey								15							18									6

20	Homeless Gender and Age	State of Alaska								Anchorage								Rest of State							
		W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99
	Percentage Male	65	59	65	59	58	54	51	55	65	70	70	63	61	55	59	52	60	50	57	53	49	55	52	62
	Percentage Female	35	41	35	39	31	37	32	32	35	30	30	35	26	41	30	30	40	50	43	45	48	41	46	38
	Percentage Male 18 years or younger	9	13	10	10	3	3	3	4	11	9	9	9	1	3	4	4	11	16	12	10	7	3	2	2
	Percentage Female 18 years or younger	8	12	8	8	2	4	3	3	8	6	6	5	3	3	3	3	11	17	11	12	2	3	2	2
	Percentage 60 years or older	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	3
	Average	33	32	34	33	39	37	37	38	34	36	36	35	38	37	38	39	28	25	25	29	37	37	36	37

21	Disability Features	State of Alaska								Anchorage								Rest of State							
		W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99
	Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	14	22	14	24	22	15	19	21	11	20	11	29	20	13	21	20	18	24	18	15	25	20	14	22
	Percentage Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	36	40	32	33	42	40	36	43	41	47	38	38	44	39	41	43	29	29	24	26	37	41	28	43
	Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	32	32	23	26	20	21	18	24	30	29	19	23	18	19	18	22	34	37	29	29	23	23	19	29
	Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	7	6	8	8	7	5	8	8	8	6	6	9	7	7	8	7	6	6	10	7	8	2	8	11
	Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	14	11	13	10	15	16	17	18	20	14	13	13	15	20	19	17	7	5	12	6	13	10	14	19
	Percentage Homeless with a Disability	29	31	27	32	34	27	33	31	30	32	25	40	32	28	36	30	27	30	31	21	38	26	28	34
	Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse	13	17	12	16	14	16	16	16	16	20	13	20	17	15	20	16	10	13	11	10	6	17	11	15

22	Community of Residence Last Six Months	State of Alaska								Anchorage								Rest of State										
		W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99	W96	S96	W97	S97	W98	S98	W99	S99			
	Percentage - Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau						28	59	63	63						29	69	75	73						26	36	42	34
	Percentage - Anywhere but Anchorage, Fairbanks, & Juneau						26	19	20	17						24	11	5	3						31	35	48	50
	Percentage - Out of State						27	8	7	5						27	7	8	4						27	10	4	7

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**Notes:**

1. Identifies the change in cases reported by agencies as a function of participation alone. The estimate of change is calculated from cases reported by agencies in the last two survey periods.